

I am in favor of keeping and increasing the XM radio Instant Traffic & Weather. It provides a service that local broadcasters (if you can receive their signals) do not. The same type of service as the National Weather Service provides on their VHF frequencies throughout the country. It does not and will not hurt broadcasters who focus on certain areas. Citizens who travel are able to react based on the information XM radio provides. With the amount of commuting and congestion this is a plus, you have one station providing the information you need. If you are not from the local areas you don't even know what station you are listening to or where they are located. If the NAB is concerned they should provide better service and insure that it covers each stations entire broadcast area and not just parts of it.

I would appreciate it that you favorably consider allowing Instant Traffic & Weather, and to not interfere with Satellite Radio or Television. We may go back to the dark ages but I do not believe the FCC should be the leader in that effort. Thank you.../Ric/...